

*Fannin county.*—Robert H. Taylor, of Bonham, Fannin county, was born at Columbia, South Carolina, July 5, 1825; at thirteen years of age went to Georgia; studied law and admitted to the bar in 1843, by a special act of the Legislature; married the same year, and emigrated to Texas in 1844, settling at Bonham in 1845; served in the Mexican war, as commander of a company in Hays' Regiment of Texas Rangers; elected justice of the peace of Fannin county, Texas, in 1848; elected Representative in the Legislature in 1851, '53, and '55; elected Senator for Fannin and Hunt counties in 1859; in the same year was appointed by Governor Houston, commissioner to settle the difficulties with Mexico, occasioned by the "Cortina war;" opposed secession in 1861; after the war was inaugurated, raised three regiments and equipped Howell's battery for the Confederate service; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1866, but refused to sign the constitution, because, as he thought, it would defeat reconstruction; was appointed district judge of the Dallas district in 1871, but could not take the test oath; was subsequently appointed judge of the eighth district, and after nine months service, the Senate refused to confirm him; elected to his present position as an Independent, in a district having 2000 Democratic majority.